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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 9457

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TAGS: PORG, ECOSOC, UNEP, KE, US

SUBJECT: KENYAN INTEREST IN HABITAT SECRETARIAT

REF: STATE 165908

1. FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI RAISED SUBJECT OF HABITAT WITH ME DURING MY INITCL CALL ON HIM JULY 26. HE RECALLED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED KENYAN INTEREST IN HAVING THE HABITAT SECRETARIAT IN NAIROBI WITH FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER AND WITH AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG. HE WAS PLEASED THAT SUCH COUNTRIES AS AUSTRIA AND THE U.S. HAD COME AROUND TO KENYA'S POINT OF VIEW, AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR OUR FAVORABLE ATTITUDE IN ECOSOC. HE WAS EMBARRASSED THAT AN AFRICAN COUNTRY--GABON--HAD BLOCKED FAVORABLE ACTION ON THIS ISSUE WHICH WAS DEAR TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S HEART.

2. WAIYAKI WENT ON TO SAY THAT CONTRARY TO AN AGREED OAU POSITION
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WORKED OUT AT LIBREVILLE, GABON HAD CHALLENGED KENYA'S BID FOR THE HABITAT SECRETARIAT. WAIYAKI BLAMED TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM SALIM FOR THIS LAST-MINUTE SETBACK TO THE COMPROMISE EFFORTS PURSUED BY KENYANS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR PAST YEAR. HE SAID PRESIDENT KENYATTA HAD IN THE LAST DAY OR SO ADDRESSED A PERSONAL APPEAL TO PRESIDENT BONGO AND OTHER AFRICAN PRESIDENTS TO UNITE BEHIND NAIROBI, TO INSURE THAT

HABITAT SECRETARIAT WAS LOCATED IN AFRICA. KENYA MFA HAD SENT DEPUTY SECRETARY KITI TO GENEVA TO WORK TOWARDS SOLUTION IN ECOSOC, BUT IF THIS FAILED, WAIYAKI WOULD BE PREPARED TO PURSUE THE MATTER AS LONG AS NECESSARY DURING THE UNGA THIS AUTUMN. I ASSURED WAIYAKI THAT WE WERE ALSO HOPEFUL OF A FAVORABLE DECISION AND I URGED HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME IF HE FELT THERE WAS ANY FURTHER ACTION WE MIGHT APPROPRIATELY TAKE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONTINUED STATUS REPORTS ON THIS ISSUE.

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